GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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MERGER AND ACQUISITION BY TELECOM COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the guidelines for Mergers and Acquisitions by the telecom companies,intra-city mergers are not allowed until completion of three years from the date of issue of licence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the violation of the said guidelines has been reported in the recent past;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) Sir, as per guidelines for intra service area Merger of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS)/Unified Access Services (UAS) Licences issued by the Government,any permission for merger shall be accorded only after completion of 3 years from the effective date of the licences.

(c) to (e) No such violation has been reported.